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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL LETTER  
AND FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM (37 CFR § 1.53(b))**

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) is:

a patent application  
 a Continuation     a Divisional     a Continuation-in-Part (CIP)    Application of prior  
application no.: \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_, the disclosure of which is  
incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.  
 and claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. \_\_\_\_\_; filed \_\_\_\_\_.

Inventor(s) or Application Identifier:

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Entitled: **SYSTEMS, METHODS AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCTS FOR MANAGING  
A PLURALITY OF REMOTELY LOCATED DATA STORAGE SYSTEMS**

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Enclosed are:

1.  Application Transmittal Letter and Fee Transmittal Form (*A duplicate is enclosed for fee processing*)
2.  40 pages of Specification (including 60 claims)
3.  6 sheets of Formal Drawings (35 USC 113)
4.  Oath or Declaration
  - a.  newly executed (*original or copy*)
  - b.  copy from prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d)) (*for continuation/divisional*) [Note Box 6 Below]
  - c.  DELETION OF INVENTOR(S) (*Signed statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application*)
5.  Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76
6.  Incorporation By Reference (*useable if box 4b is checked*)

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied under Box 4b, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

7.  Microfiche Computer Program (*Appendix*)
8.  Assignment papers (*cover sheet(s) and document(s)*)
9.  Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR § 1.27.
10.  Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449, and \_\_\_\_\_ references cited
11.  Preliminary Amendment (*Please enter all claim amendments prior to calculating the filing fee.*)
12.  English Translation Document
13.  Certified Copy of Application No. ; Filed
14.  Sequence Listing/ Sequence Listing Diskette
  - a.  computer readable copy
  - b.  paper copy
  - c.  statement in support
15.  An Associate Power of Attorney
16.  Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (*Should be specifically itemized*)
17.  Deletion of Inventors(s) (Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) name in the prior application. See 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).)
18.  Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form.
19.  Other: Application Filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.41(c)

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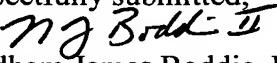
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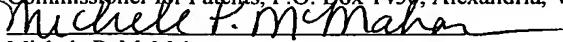
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The above identified application is being filed on behalf of the inventors, **Brian Lora**, resident of Raleigh, North Carolina; **Frank Brick**, resident of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, **Steven Horan**, resident of Cary, North Carolina, **Randy Whitehead**, resident of Cary, North Carolina and **Steve Siegel**, resident of Cary, North Carolina under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.41(c). A Declaration and Power of Attorney from the inventors will follow, 37 CFR 1.63.

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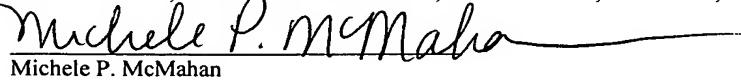
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